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The Zimmis.- The following was the charter granted by Caliph Omar at the capitulation of Jerusalem surrendered in 638 A.H. "In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate. This is the security which Omar the Servant of God, the Commander of the faithful, grants to the people of Aelia. He grants to all, whither sick or sound, security for their lives, their possessions, their churches and their crosses, and for all that concerns their religion. Their churches shall not be changed into dwelling places nor destroyed, neither shall they nor their appurtenances be in any way diminished, nor the crosses of the inhabitants, nor ought of their possessions, nor shall any constraint be put upon them in the matter of their faith, nor shall anyone of them be harmed",

Prophet's declaration:- "Whoever wrongs a Zimmi and lays on him a burden beyond his strength I shall be his accuser."

"Whoever torments the Zimmin torments me".

Omar's injunction to Osman:- "I commend to your care the Zimmis of the apostle of God; see that the agreement with them is kept, and they be defended against their enemies, and that no burden is laid on them beyond their strength." In similar terms is Alli's injunction to Mohammed Ibn Abu Bakr, Governor of egypt in 36 A.H. Tabari, in loco.

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